

COUNCIL BRIEFS

November 18, 2016

Westmoor Park gets solar! A 4.69 KW system was installed by Sunlight Solar at the end of September on the roof of Westmoor Park barn and outbuilding. The system consists of 14 solar panels which will produce about 6,000 kWh energy a year, saving about \$1000 in utility costs a year. The project cost was \$15,000, paid entirely by grant from the CT Green Bank. The Town of West Hartford earned credits through the CT Clean Energy Communities Program. In addition, Sunlight Solar generously donated funds to pay for a laptop computer as part of the monitoring display. Westmoor Park plans to incorporate the solar panels into its educational programming.

Notices of new Assessment mailed: The Town of West Hartford has completed the revaluation of all real estate on its Grand List as of Oct. 1, 2016. Notices of new values were mailed to property owners this week, November 14-18. The notices contain the old market value and assessment based on the 2011 revaluation and the new market value and assessment based on current market values as of October 1, 2016.

Revaluations are required every five years by the State of Connecticut. The primary purpose of a revaluation, which is a mass appraisal of all real property within an assessment jurisdiction, is to eliminate any assessment inequities that may have developed since the implementation of a previous revaluation. This is accomplished by updating the assessments of real property to reflect their current fair market value. [Click here for more information.](#)

Toys for Tots collection at Elmwood Senior Center: Help us stuff the Elmwood Express with Toys for Tots from now through Dec. 14 at the Elmwood Senior Center. On "Stuff the Express Day," Wednesday, December 14, Elmwood Elves (Express Bus Drivers Bob and Ed) will load the bus with your gifts and you'll receive a sweet treat as a thank you! Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Show your

thankfulness this giving season and donate a new, unwrapped toy to a deserving child. In addition, free admission to the Hall High Holiday Concert on December 7 when you bring a new, unwrapped toy.

Morley students bring food in their red wagons: On November 9, over 100 Morley schoolchildren walked 1.22 miles to Town Hall with their red wagons laden with non-perishable food for the town's food pantry. Each year the Food Pantry distributes thousands of bags of food to West Hartford residents in need.

Holiday Closings & Delays

Town Hall, School administration offices, West Hartford Public Schools, Public Libraries, Recycling Center, recreation centers will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 24.

All public libraries will close early at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23. The libraries will be closed Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving Day.

The Department of Public Works office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Municipal offices at town hall will be open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25.

The collection of trash and recyclables will be delayed by one day in the Thursday and Friday areas only.

Upcoming special events:

- Holiday Stroll, Thursday, December 1, 5:00-7:30 PM
- West Hartford Festival of Trees, December 1 at First Church of Christ Congregational, 5:00-7:30 PM
- Blue Back Mitten Run, Sunday, December 4, 10:00 AM

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